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Radio free South Philly

On air. Community groups are trying to make South Philadelphia Community Radio a reality. **What's the need?** News, events, podcasts and music will cater to the neighborhood's vast non-English-speaking residents, as well as English-speakers. **Crowdfunding.** You can help donate to the station's engineering and equipment costs. PAGE 02

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Community radio could come to South Philly

On air. The station would air news, events, podcasts and more in several languages spoken within the community.

South Philadelphia wants to take over the airwaves.

Chris Randolph of Resources for Human Development is joined by community groups and other organizations to fight for a frequency on the radio dial so South Philadelphia residents — many of whom are not English-speaking — can have, and hear, a voice.

For the first time in a long time, the Federal Communications Commission is allowing urban community groups the ability to get a license for local broadcasting. South Philadelphia Community Radio is hoping for one of those licenses. Randolph said the "monster stations" aren't giving neighborhoods what they want.

"Geographically, they are not really meeting needs of the community," Randolph said. "They are not going to announce local events, they are not going to cover local political races. What we usually get is minimal coverage."

One of the low-wattage licenses could cover all of South and Southwest Philadelphia on an FM station and not only feature news and events, but bring in a younger demographic with radio shows and podcasts.

"What we need in addition to all these 16-wheelers, is to have some space for the mopeds so you can have local, small stations that focus on the needs of particular communities," Randolph said.

An Indiegogo crowdfunding campaign has been set up to raise the $21,000 needed for studio and rooftop hardware and professional engineering.

The FCC choices for stations could come in the coming weeks or months but if the entire monies requested isn't met by then, Randolph said the group has Plans B, C and even D. They will go the grant route if needed.

The group already has studio space ready on Seventh Street and the Methodist branch of Jefferson Hospital on South Broad Street is allowing the group to use its rooftop as a broadcast platform.

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Who would listen?

The list is long, Randolph said, and the programming is two-fold. Certain news and events would be geared toward the English-speaking community, but also the plethora of ethnic groups that inhabit South Philadelphia.

- "There are seven or eight that have significant presence and most have zero access to broadcast media," he said.
- The heart of the Mexican communities lies there, as well as the Bahasa, Vietnamese, Italian and more.
- An older or poorer population, who may not have access to the Internet, would profit greatly, Randolph added.

Quoted

"Unfortunately, here's the issue: Some of the populations that would be served, that would be most excited, are the people who are the poorest with the least amount of knowledge of English."
Randolph

Do a little dance, eat a little turkey

Hattie Williams, left, and Mildred Brown, dance while waiting for their food at Thanksgiving feast for senior citizens at Market East station, sponsored by SEPTA and the Philadelphia Corporation for the Aging. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Slammed. Car crashes through South Philly SEPTA station Sunday

A 54-year-old man died on Sunday after he crashed into a South Philadelphia SEPTA station, police said.

Police said the driver was speeding eastbound on Oregon Avenue when he lost control of his vehicle, hit a median and flipped into the SEPTA subway station at Broad and Oregon streets around 5:30 a.m.

The man, whose name was not released as of press time, was ejected from the vehicle and pronounced dead on scene at 5:36 p.m., police said.

Whether the driver was under the influence of drugs or alcohol is not yet available.

Trains temporarily bypassed the Oregon Avenue station for about an hour as police conducted its investigation, SEPTA spokeswoman Heather Redfern said.

The Department of Licenses and Inspections and SEPTA's buildings and bridges department both evaluated the station and cleared it to resume full operations, Redfern said.

TOMMY ROWAN

Dead to rights

Car thief dies in U-Haul crash

The driver of a stolen car was killed in Oxford Circle early Saturday after he ran a stop sign and crashed into a U-Haul, police said.

The thief crashed the stolen 2010 silver Mazda 3 into the middle of the U-Haul around 8:47 a.m. after he ran a stop sign heading west on Princeton Avenue.

The U-Haul was heading south on Summerdale Avenue. METRO

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MEMORIES OF KINGSESSING

Whenever I hear about violence in the Kingsessing neighborhood of Southwest Philadelphia, my heart breaks a little. That is where my father, Dr. Robert E. Quigley, and his family grew up and where they created so many good memories.

My dad was one of eight children in the family of Thomas Quigley and Sarah Auchinleck Quigley — my Pop Pop and Nana. The family moved into a spacious house at 5100 Chester Ave. in 1924. For the next 30 years, they owned and operated "Quigley's Own Make" candy and ice cream shop.

My dad, Bob, and his siblings — Tom, Mary, Sarah, Dolores, Rosalie, Jack and Dick — scooped ice cream, served up handmade chocolates and greeted customers. My dad said the store was successful even in the dark times of the Depression. People always managed to set aside a few pennies for an ice cream cone.

The Quigley kids were blessed with the Kingsessing Recreation Center and library right across 51st Street. They played basketball, swam in the pool (except during the polio epidemic) and went to the library. My Aunt Sarah loved nothing more than to take out a copy of "Little Women" and sniffle over Beth's death.

Of the eight Quigley kids, there are only two left now — my Aunt Rosalie Quigley Hutton in California and my Dad, who is in an assisted living facility in Northeast Philly. But the stories of their

Thomas Quigley / PROVIDED

candy store and house on Chester Avenue stay with me.

Unfortunately, Southwest Philly is now one of the most dangerous sections of the city. In 2011, there was a bloody shooting of six people at the Kingsessing playground during a basketball game. Just last month, another shooting in the area claimed the life of one man and injured five others. This makes me sad for the families and children who live in Kingsessing.

Quigley's Candy Store closed in the mid-1950s, but a series of stores have operated there. Peace African Hair Braiding is there now. Christine Touglo has run the business since 2009. She said she likes the area and her customers.

I am glad there is still a store at 5100 Chester Ave. And I hope that someday kids in Kingsessing can live in a safe, fun area like the Quigley kids did.

Kathryn Quigley is an associate professor of Journalism at Rowan University and a Philadelphia native.

Quoted

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Fast and furious

Speed limit could rise to 70 mph

Pennsylvania Highway officials will consider increasing the speed limit from 65 miles per hour to 70 on certain highways, reports say.

For the next six months, officials will review the state's interstate system and decide which highways can handle an uptick, according to the Tribune-Democrat of Johnstown, Pa.

The change is included in the transportation funding bill Gov. Tom Corbett intends to sign today.

The state has 700 speed road signs on its highways, and it costs $245 to replace them individually, the newspaper reported.

Most states set speed limits of 70 miles per hour or higher. PennDOT, the state's AAA Federation and the Insurance Federation don't oppose the change, the paper reported. METRO

Knockout?

Arrest made in Fox Chase attack

This weekend, police charged a 15-year-old male with the Nov. 11 attack on a 29-year-old man outside a pizza parlor in Fox Chase, police said.

The boy was arrested for jumping and punching the man as he walked into a pizza shop on the 7900 block of Verree Road.

The teen apparently asked the man for a cigarette. As he pulled one out, about four attackers jumped him — including the teenager. The man suffered minor injuries.

Police spokeswoman Officer Jillian Russell said she does not believe it was a "knockout game"-style ambush, but police were looking into it. METRO

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Thanksgiving travel.
Police will patrol, set up checkpoints

Along with the holiday season comes peak travel, and traffic accidents spike during Thanksgiving, according to statistics.

"Thanksgiving continues to be one of the most dangerous weekends for motorists," PennDOT Secretary Barry J. Schoch said in a statement announcing "Operation Safe Holiday."

State and local police will coordinate roving patrols and sobriety checkpoints on Wednesday to curb unsafe and drunk driving before the holiday, as well as from Dec. 1 through New Year's Day.

"This is one of the most dangerous times," said Carol Ronis, spokeswoman for Mothers Against Drunk Driving. "What we ask is that people think ahead, and have a Plan B, and have a designated non-drinking driver."

Additionally, the Philadelphia International Airport is expecting 100,000 travelers on the day before Thanksgiving.

Travelers are urged to allot ample time for traveling to the airport, check in online before they arrive and consider using the SEPTA Airport Line, which costs $8. **SAM NEWHOUSE**

Pennsylvania stats

4,328

There were 4,328 crashes and 53 deaths over Thanksgiving in 2012.

1,640

There were 1,640 crashes and 19 deaths over Christmas and New Year's Eve. About 861 crashes and 31 deaths were caused by drugs or alcohol.

931

Nationwide drunken driving deaths during the 2011 holidays.

Get used to Mother Nature's fury

A pedestrian in Center City battles the wind and frigid weather on Sunday, when temperatures reached below freezing. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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Breakthrough deal curbs Iran's nuclear activity

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif shakes hands with Secretary of State John Kerry after a statement early on Sunday in Geneva. / GETTY IMAGES

Beginning. Secretary of State John Kerry noted Sunday's deal was only a start.

Iran and six world powers clinched a deal on Sunday curbing the Iranian nuclear program in exchange for initial sanctions relief, signaling the start of a game-changing rapprochement that would reduce the risk of a wider Middle East war.

Aimed at easing a long festering standoff, the interim pact between Iran and the United States, France, Germany, Britain, China and Russia won the critical endorsement of Iranian clerical Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

But Israel, Iran's arch-enemy and a United States ally, denounced the agreement as an "historic mistake."

Critics in the U.S. Congress were quick to voice concern, with some raising the specter of failure to rein in North Korea on its nuclear programs, but they signaled that Congress would likely give the deal a chance to work.

The agreement, which halts Iran's most sensitive nuclear activity — higher-grade enrichment of uranium — was tailored as a package of confidence-building steps toward reducing decades of tension and ultimately creating a more stable Middle East. REUTERS

Skeptics

US has eyes 'wide open' to risks on Iran deal: Kerry

The Obama administration insisted on strong safeguards in a nuclear deal with Iran and has no illusions about the risks that the Islamic state might not follow through on its obligations, Secretary of State John Kerry said on Sunday.

Kerry sought to reassure skeptics in the Congress who worry that the six-month agreement gives Iran too much leeway and that it might end up using it as a stalling tactic.

Kerry told CNN that U.S. officials entered into the deal with their eyes "absolutely wide open."

"We have no illusions. We don't do this on the basis of somebody's statements to you. We do it on the basis on actions that can be verified," he said.

Diplomatic relations

1979

Washington and Tehran have not had diplomatic relations since the Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Nuclear program

GOP senator cites concerns on Iran deal

Influential Republican Sen. Bob Corker said on Sunday he had concerns about the interim nuclear deal with Iran and promised to hold the Obama administration's "feet to the fire" to ensure that Tehran is not allowed excessive leeway.

Corker, the ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said that the pact must not "become the norm" for a longer-term agreement with Iran.

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Deadly storm threatens US holiday travel

The exact track of the storm as it heads up the East Coast Tuesday night into Wednesday night is still unknown and holds the key to whether the region will see dry weather, rain or snow, AccuWeather said. / GETTY IMAGES

Bad timing. The Thanksgiving weekend is one of the most heavily traveled in the U.S.

A dangerous storm that brought snow and drenching rains to the southwestern United States blamed for several road deaths is threatening Thanksgiving travel for millions of people in East Coast states, forecasters said on Saturday.

The storm is expected to bring heavy rain to the Southeast on Tuesday and then turn north and move up the shore, possibly disrupting travel through Wednesday, according to the meteorologists at AccuWeather.com.

"If the storm hugs the coast and develops to its full potential, it could be a flight nightmare, not only for travelers in the East, but also throughout the nation," AccuWeather.com's Evan Myers said.

About 3 million people will fly to their destinations, according to AAA.

The rain and snow have already been linked to several deaths. It has stranded motorists and caused traffic accidents in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and Texas.

Three people were killed in a multi-vehicle crash Friday in icy conditions on Interstate 40 west of Amarillo, Texas, a patrol dispatcher said. REUTERS

Road warriors

$39M

Some 39 million people are expected to hit the roads from Wednesday to Sunday, centering around Thanksgiving on Thursday, the travel group AAA said earlier this week.

San Diego

Former press secretary wants $1.5M

The one-time communications director for former San Diego Mayor Bob Filner wants nearly $1.5 million in damages for being subjected to offensive behavior.

Irene McCormack Jackson said Filner caused her "emotional distress, pain and suffering [that] amount to $950,000," according to court documents. REUTERS

Court. Woman accused of mailing ricin to Obama gets plea deal

A Texas actress accused of mailing ricin-laced letters to President Barack Obama and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg has reached a plea deal with federal prosecutors, according to federal court documents.

Shannon Guess Richardson, 36, whose acting career included some minor television roles, had first attempted to blame her husband for sending the letters in May that tested positive for the presence of ricin poison, according to prosecutors.

Notice of the plea deal was filed on Thursday in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. Richardson's attorney, Tonda Curry, could not be immediately reached to detail the terms of the plea agreement. REUTERS

Afghan commandos sit on the top of their vehicle after a clash between Afghanistan forces and Taliban fighters in Kabul. / GETTY IMAGES

Karzai rejects elders' advice to back US security deal quickly

On their own. No deal could mean a full U.S. pullout, leaving Afghanistan to fight the Taliban alone.

An assembly of Afghan elders endorsed a crucial security deal on Sunday to enable U.S. troops to operate in the country beyond next year, but President Hamid Karzai left the matter up in the air by refusing to say whether he would sign it into law.

The gathering, known as the Loya Jirga, had been convened by the president to debate the pact which outlines the legal terms of continued U.S. military presence in Afghanistan. It voted in favor and advised Karzai sign it promptly.

But Karzai, in his final remarks to the four-day meeting, said he would not sign it until after a presidential election due next April.

"If there is no peace, then this agreement will bring misfortune to Afghanistan," he said. "Peace is our precondition. America should bring us peace and then we will sign it."

The president did not elaborate, but has previously said a free and fair vote is needed to guarantee peace in the country, and his spokesman later said Karzai had not changed his mind.

As the meeting ended, assembly chairman Sibghatullah Mojeddedi told Karzai: "If you don't sign it, we will be disappointed." Karzai responded "Fine!" and left the stage.

REUTERS

Quoted

"He knows intellectually that this is in Afghanistan's interest, but at the same time it's distasteful to him."

Ronald Neumann
A former U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan

Destabilizing

US, Japan slam China's move on sea airspace

Japan and ally the United States sharply criticized China's move to impose new rules on airspace over islands at the heart of a territorial dispute with Tokyo, warning of an escalation into the "unexpected" if Beijing enforces the rules.

China's government-run Xinhua news agency published coordinates for a newly established "East China Sea Air Defense Identification Zone," which covers most of that sea and includes the skies over the disputed islands.

Beijing warned that it would take "defensive emergency measures" against aircraft that failed to identify themselves properly in the airspace.

Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida said the move was unacceptable. "It could well lead to an unforeseen situation," he told reporters on Sunday.

REUTERS

Technology

China fights back against US accusations of blocking deal

Commerce Minister Gao Hucheng denounced the United States as "irresponsible" on Sunday after Washington accused China of jeopardizing a deal that aims to cut tariffs on technology products, saying Washington had disappointed participants in the talks.

REUTERS

Asylum. UNHCR tries to help Saudi woman who eloped to Yemen

The U.N. has called for a Saudi woman to be given asylum in Yemen to avoid being deported back to Saudi Arabia, after she eloped with a Yemeni man, a U.N. official said.

In October, Huda al-Niran, 22, crossed into Yemen after her family refused to allow her to marry Arafat Radfan, a Yemeni she had met while he was working at a mobile telephone shop in Saudi Arabia.

Yemeni authorities detained the woman for entering the country illegally pending her trial, which is expected to result in her being deported back to Saudi Arabia.

An official at the UNHCR office in Sanaa told Reuters on condition of anonymity that the U.N. agency would help Niran obtain "a humanitarian asylum."

Yemeni officials could not immediately be reached for comment.

On Sunday, a Yemeni court postponed issuing a ruling in her case until Dec. 1, Kadi said, as hundreds of people gathered outside the courtroom chanting: "Love before borders and citizenship."

Last week Human Rights Watch called on Yemeni authorities not to deport Niran "without considering her claim that the Saudi government will not protect her against life-threatening family violence." REUTERS

Quoted

"If Yemeni authorities do not agree to grant her the right of asylum, the UNHCR will look for another country to host her." The UN official

Two men shot dead at Yemen wedding during 'Gangnam Style' dance

The "Gangnam Style" music video inspired a craze. / YOUTUBE

Shots. Celebratory gunfire is common at Yemeni weddings.

A Yemeni wedding ended in disaster after a guest firing celebratory shots in the air with his AK-47 accidentally killed two men while they were dancing to pop hit "Gangnam Style," according to a police source and a video posted online.

The police source said the guest at the wedding in the southern city of Taiz lost control of his rifle, leading to the deaths.

A video circulating on the Web purportedly shows the incident, which happened late last week. Its authenticity could not be immediately verified.

The footage shows a man shooting a gun in the air and then starting to dance with several other guests to the hit song.

The rattle of gunfire is then heard and when the camera pans down, bodies are seen lying in pools of blood. REUTERS

An AK-47 / GETTY IMAGES

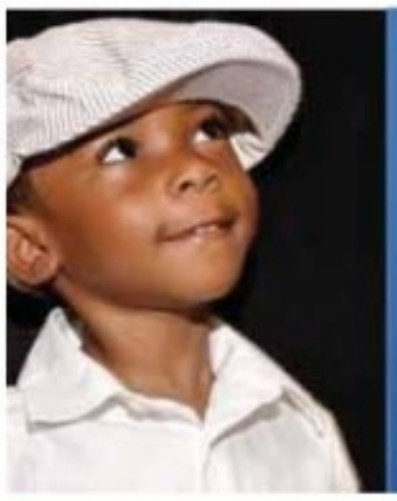
Eco-tax

French riders protest over tax, saying horses will suffer

Thousands of horse-lovers paraded their animals through central Paris on Sunday in a protest against a planned sales tax rise they say will put riding centers out of business and send horses to the slaughterhouse.

The protest by riders from across France came a day after unions in the western region of Brittany organized a march for jobs and social protection attended by thousands, one of many in the region in recent weeks.

Anger at taxation, unemployment stuck at 11 percent and sluggish economic growth has sent thousands of people into the streets across the country over the past two months. REUTERS



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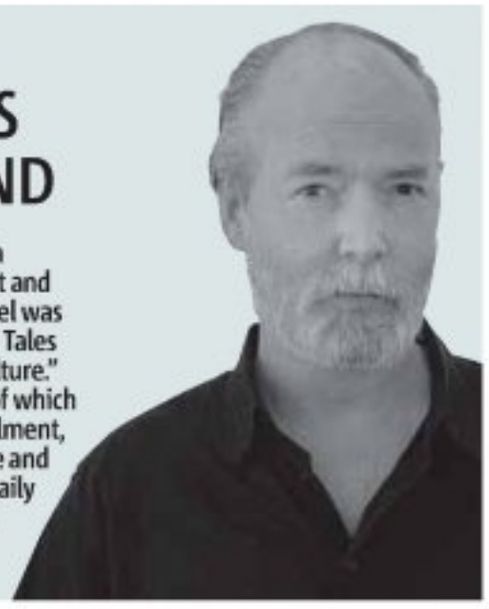
Day 16: Temp gets fired!

Here's the thing: I've been fired before and couldn't have cared less, but getting fired from TWK stung.

Metro exclusive

DOUGLAS COUPLAND

Douglas Coupland is a Canadian writer, artist and designer. His first novel was 1991's "Generation X: Tales for an Accelerated Culture." His novella, "Temp," of which this is the ninth installment, will be running online and in the pages of your daily Metro each weekday through Nov. 29.



"You let yourself get attached, Shanny," said my sister, Amy. "The No. 1 law of temping: Never bond."

She was helping me self-medicate with grape popsicles and a Kate Winslet DVD marathon.

I was in pajamas at 4 in the afternoon and my life had devolved into the third panel of a "Cathy" cartoon where she stares into the void and emotionally implodes.

"The only reason anyone hires anyone is to help them make money. The moment you can't do that, they'll chew your face off and toss the remains into a dumpster."

"That's not true. I liked it at TWK."

"Have you tried calling Mr. Shoeman?"

"He's on an energy retreat in the countryside."

"China has a countryside?"

"You're right. He's probably at World Extreme Cageboxing."

"What about Kyle?"

"He showed up to take Sarah to lunch just as I was leaving. I couldn't talk to him. God only knows what Sarah told him about me."

"Shannon, how do you think Kate Winslet manages to always lose weight?"

Amy's attention span is limited. Discussion of my temping was over.

The doorbell rang. I live in a basement suite and it's not the easiest place to find, so for someone to locate me takes work. I opened the door: It was Sarah No. 1, so I closed the door, but she started banging on it.

"Let me in! Shannon, I was horrible! I deserve this! Let me explain!"

I opened the door. "Explain what?"

"I just got fired."

"So what? I'm waiting for whatever it is you're going to explain."

"Let me come in?"

"Oh God. All right. Shoes off. Would you like a grape popsicle?"

She came into the TV area and I introduced her to Amy. "We're having a Kate Winslet marathon." Amy hit pause.

Sarah looked at the frozen frame. "How does that woman always manage to lose weight so regularly?"

"Excuse me, Sarah — my explanation?"

"There is no explanation. I came here because I couldn't think of anyone else to visit. I have no friends. They all got married and this would just make them happy about their decision to do so."

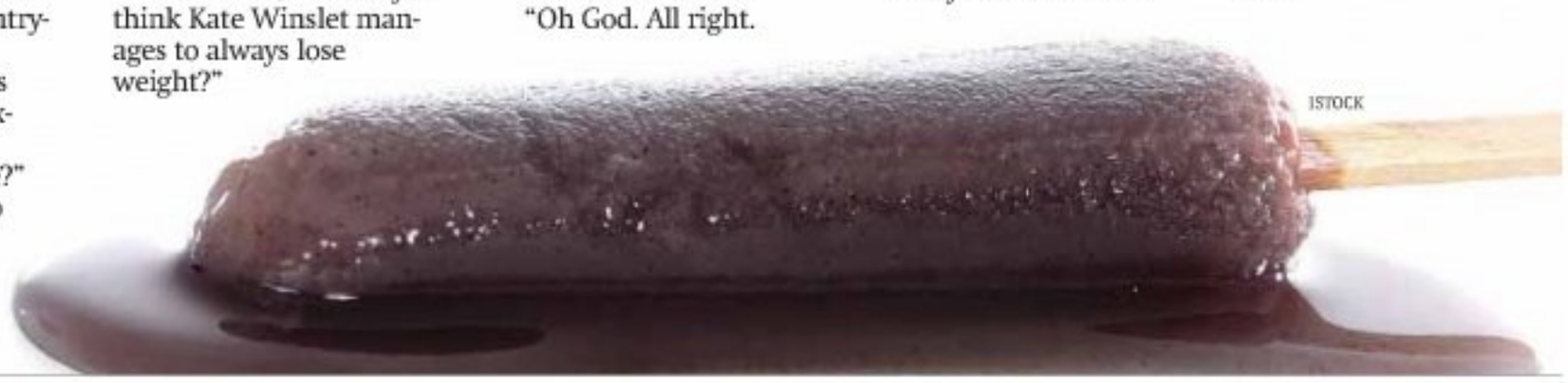
"So you came to me because I'm a failure and won't judge you harshly?"

"To be honest, sort of. Yeah. You seem like your head's screwed on right. I like the way you never took crap from anyone at TWK — and your 'random fact of the day' was always funny. And yesterday I got to see the human side of you."

"I'm deeply flattered." The three of us sat there in silence and then I figured it out: "Wait — you just want to know what my secret plan is so that you can get in on it."

"Well, yeah!"

I paused a second. "OK."



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CULTURE

Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Marlon Wayans is having a rough day, Elizabeth Hurley is terrible at housework, Mindy Kaling is enjoying Hawaii and Chris Colfer loves getting recognized.

@MarlonWayans: Oh God it hurts

@ElizabethHurley: Loathe tidying up. No matter how good my intentions, I always end up with more chaos than when I started. Gloom.

@mindykaling: sipping a mai tai and eatin poke while an enormous guy with a silky voice plays a cover of Coldplay's Yellow on a ukelele

@chriscolfer: Favorite quote from an eight year-old at today's book signing, "Whoa, you look like that guy from Glee."

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Dr. Conrad Murray on Jackson's final days

There are a few things I try not to write about as they are just too depressing — what is happening with Charlie Sheen's young twins with ex-wife Brooke Mueller is one, Michael Jackson's last days are another. But the Daily Mail's interview with Jackson's doctor, Dr. Conrad Murray, who was just released from prison, is too telling not to mention.

In the interview, Conrad claims the two were super close, for a very sad reason. "You want to know how close we were? I held his penis every night to fit a catheter because he was incontinent at night. ... He wore dark trousers all the time because after he went to the toilet he would drip for hours."

Murray says that toward the end of his life, Jackson "lived in a state of paranoia and filth" and was so worried that even the housekeeping staff was out to get him that he wouldn't let his clothing (even his underwear) be laundered for fear they would sell it.

See? Sad and depressing. At least I warned you.

Jackson died in 2009, not long after this picture.

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The family that shills together ...

Jessica Simpson and fiance Eric Johnson showed off their kids, 4-month-old Ace Johnson (who is one big baby) and 19-month-old Maxwell Johnson at a Jessica Simpson Collection event at Dillard's on Saturday in Dallas. Even Simpson's sister, Ashlee, made an appearance with her new boyfriend, Evan Ross (who just happens to be the son of Diana Ross).

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Katie Couric to go to Yahoo

I never knew Katie Couric knew how to code.

Although details are scarce, it looks like the famed broadcast journalist will be leaving ABC News to take on an undefined role at Yahoo, according to The Hollywood Reporter. Couric has been the host of her own syndicated show, "Katie," since last year. "Katie" has done well in the ratings; it is unknown if she will still be continuing the show once she leaves.

Leaving traditional media for the Internet? How 1999 of you, Katie.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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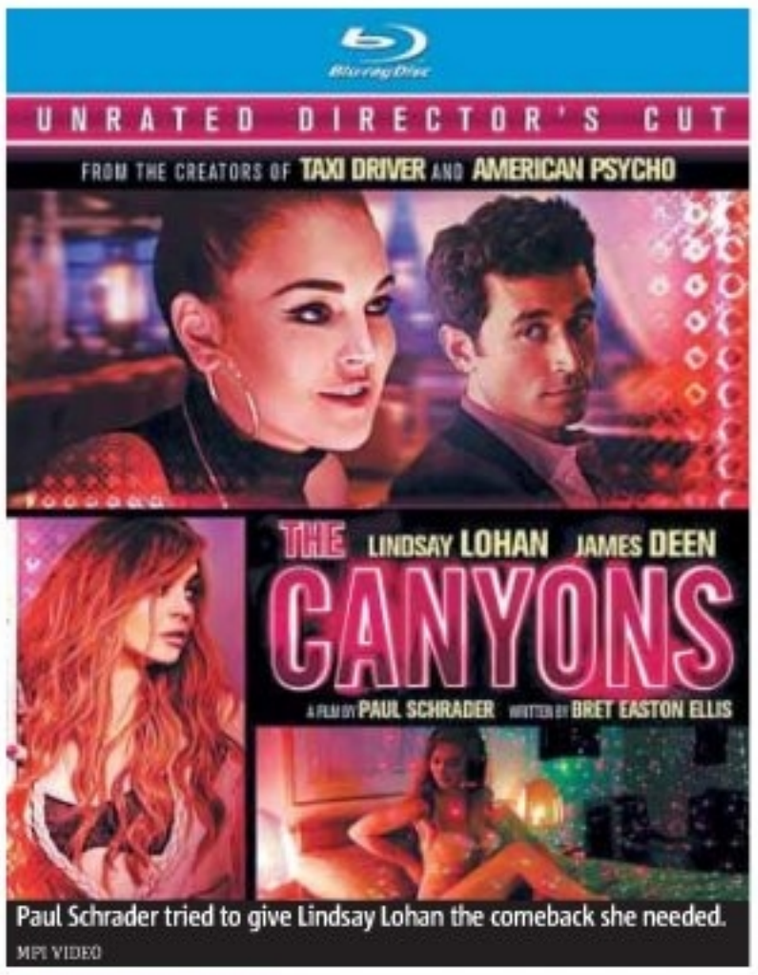
Talking points

Brolin checks into rehab

Josh Brolin has checked himself into a rehab facility in northern California following a pair of drunken brawls earlier this month in Los Angeles, according to People magazine. Brolin, who is in the process of divorcing wife Diane Lane, was caught on camera by TMZ getting into a fist fight at a Santa Monica pub and a shouting match with a cab driver in a Del Taco drive-through over the course of one very unruly weekend.

Cyrus wuz robbed

Bad way to start a weekend: Miley Cyrus' home was burglarized the day before her 21st birthday, according to E! News. Police confirm that the house belonging to Cyrus was reportedly robbed, with a victim reporting that property was missing on Friday afternoon — though they would not confirm that the victim reporting the crime was Cyrus herself. The incident occurred sometime that afternoon, and there were no signs of forced entry and no injuries.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As laid out in an unforgettable New York Times Magazine piece, legendary director Paul Schrader had an idea: a DIY erotic thriller funded on Kickstarter, written by novelist Bret Easton Ellis and starring the washed-up (but maybe still brilliant) Lindsay Lohan. The entire production would be followable over social media. It would start a new kind of filmmaking.

That didn't quite happen. But it wound up as something far more interesting. Ellis' depiction of bored, rich and ultimately psychotic Los Angelenos — even with newfangled smartphones that make them even more dehumanized — is pure autopilot. But it meshes fascinatingly with Schrader's clinical approach, which stares dead-eyed at them during lengthy chats that purposefully go nowhere. They're trapped in a world they can't even murder their way out of.

And what of Lohan? This is neither a comeback nor yet another schadenfreude-laden disaster. She lets her natural demeanor — grizzled at only 27 — do the heavy lifting. When her lover (porn star James Deen, eternally smirking) forces her into sex with clients, she complies with the weary complacency of someone who's bottomed out so many times they're no longer trying to climb up. For what it's worth, Jennifer Lawrence couldn't nail this role. Her performance is the year's biggest heartbreaker.

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You do the meth

'Breaking Bad: The Complete Series'

Housed in a black barrel, the Greatest Show Ever (that isn't "The Wire") is now available in its entirety, allowing you to go back and pick out the plot and logic holes you glanced over because you were busy biting your nails.

Also out

'RED 2'

Apparently the novelty of Helen Mirren with a machine gun had worn out by the time this geriatrics-with-weaponry sequel came out. Too bad, because at least that aspect never gets old.

'Knightriders'

In 1981, hot off the phenomenon that was "Dawn of the Dead," zombie king George A. Romero chose a most peculiar (and weirdly poetic) passion project, concerning a troupe (led by Ed Harris) who recreate the King Arthur legend on motor bikes.

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Why so serious?

Interview. In "Nebraska," Will Forte goes for a more dramatic form of funny.

Will Forte still can't believe he's in "Nebraska." A comic actor known for his long stint on "Saturday Night Live," he found himself in the latest dramedy from Alexander Payne, known for "Sideways" and "The Descendants." Forte plays the son of an old, cranky alcoholic (Bruce Dern), whom he accompanies on a foolish road trip through the Midwest.

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What did Alexander Payne say to you when he picked you for the role?
He didn't come to me. My agent sent me the script. I don't think he'd ever heard of me. After I got the part I think he realized that he had maybe seen me on "30 Rock" without knowing that was me. Of course, on that I'm dressed up as a woman most of the time.

Dern seems intimidating — not him, per se, but the thought of acting with a legend. How did you get over that?
We just hung out. We had to spend time together, because we're together so much in the script. We'd spend the whole day filming, then we'd hang out after work, too. We became very close. What you see happening in the movie was happening to us in real life.

Are you consciously searching for more dramatic roles?
I don't know. I didn't plan on doing this one. It just sort of happened. I feel like not developing any kind of career strategy. [Laughs] That might be best. It worked out in this case, so why start planning now?

Will Forte plays a man on a road trip with his old man in "Nebraska." / GETTY IMAGES

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Old friends

What about Odenkirk?

Forte's brother is played by Bob Odenkirk, who directed him in "The Brothers Solomon." "On [that film] he had to do a million things," Forte recalls. "But he was the only person I'd known from this movie before doing this. It was good to have a buddy there."

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The winner takes it all

Box office. The second "Hunger Games" did "only" slightly better than the first one.

Josh Hutcherson and Jennifer Lawrence salute those who saw "Catching Fire" this weekend. / MURRAY CLOSE

"The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" blazed straight to the top of weekend movie charts, setting a U.S. and Canadian record for November ticket sales and hauling in a huge $307.7 million around the world.

Fans poured into theaters for the second installment in the series starring Jennifer Lawrence as scrappy heroine Katniss Everdeen, the skilled archer who becomes a beacon of hope for the oppressed residents of the fictional nation of Panem.

"Catching Fire" collected an estimated $161.1 million from Thursday night through Sunday in the United States and Canada, a record domestic debut for the month of November. It topped the $152.5 million opening for "The Hunger Games" in March 2012 that established the series as a blockbuster franchise. Two more sequels are en route.

Playing in 65 markets around the world, "Catching Fire" also grabbed $146.6 million in foreign sales through Sunday, according to distributor Lions Gate Entertainment Corp.

The original film earned $691.2 million worldwide.

Filling out the rest of the charts, Marvel superhero sequel "Thor: The Dark World" finished in second place, according to studio estimates provided by Rentrak. The movie, starring Chris Hemsworth, pulled in $14.1 million at domestic theaters this weekend and brought its worldwide total to nearly $550 million, according to distributor Walt Disney Co.

In third place, romantic comedy "The Best Man Holiday" earned $12.5 million. The movie stars Taye Diggs, Terence Howard and others as friends who reunite at Christmas.

The new Vince Vaughn comedy, "Delivery Man," finished in fourth place with $8.2 million. Vaughn plays a sperm donor who discovers he has fathered more than 500 children.

Animated movie "Free Birds," about a pair of time-traveling turkeys, finished fifth with $5.3 million. **REUTERS**

Top 5 earners

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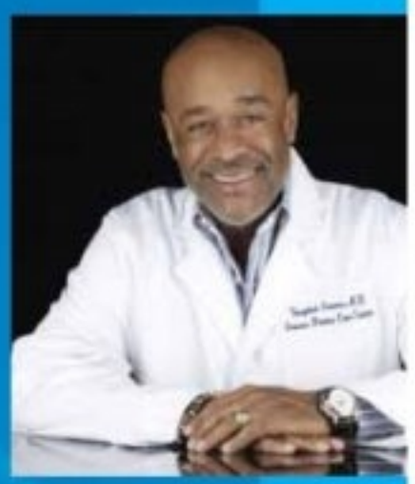
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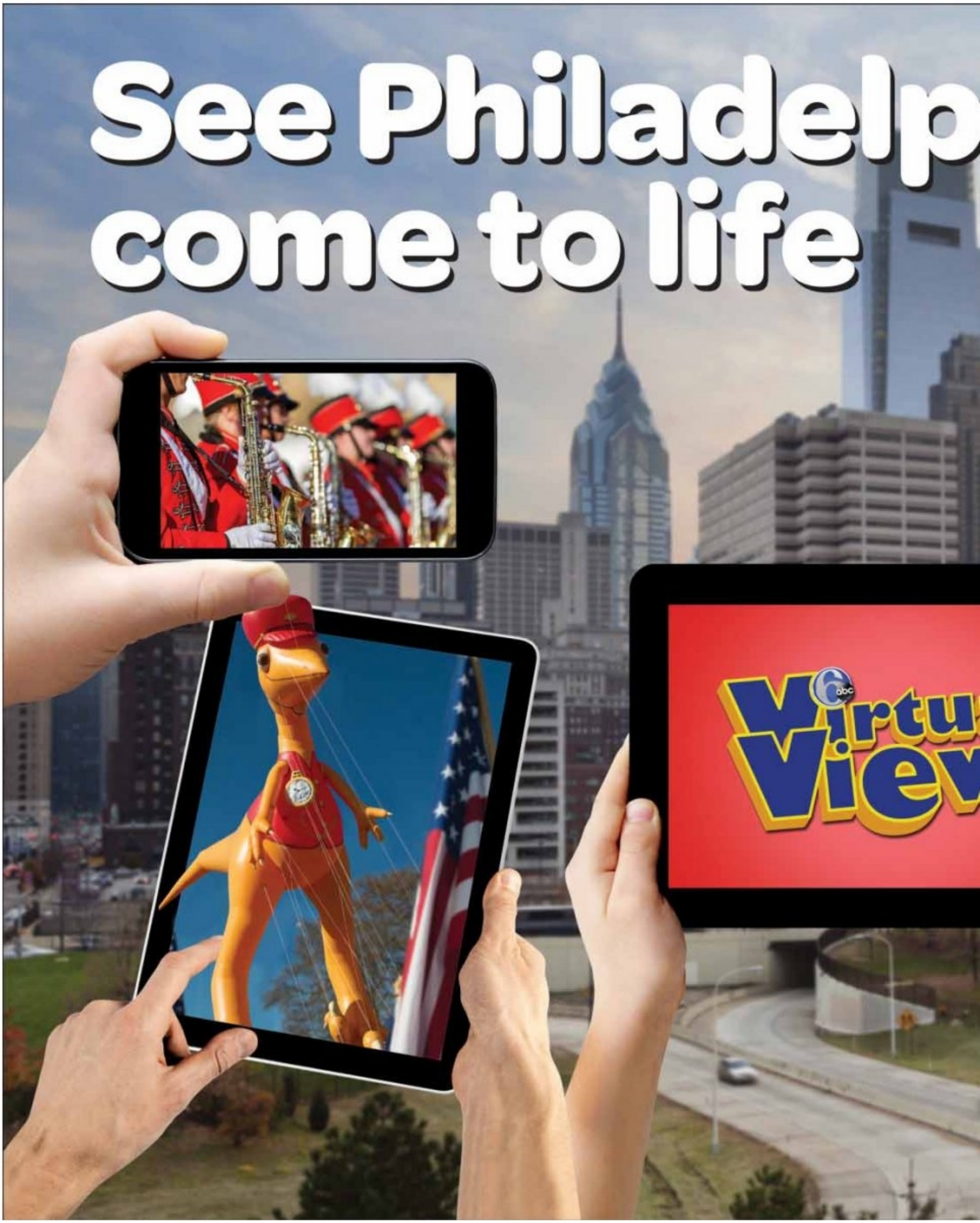
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From Australia's "We Can Be Heroes" and "Summer Heights High," your BFF (best fictional frenemy) gets her own spinoff in HBO's "Ja'mie: Private School Girl." As she'd say: That's, like, so random.

JA'MIE KING IS BACK

What does the new series have in store for Ja'mie?
So Ja'mie's always been a private school girl, and in "Summer Heights High" she did a term away — but in this one is just back to her. It's her last three months of school, she's the school captain, she's on top of the world and bossier than ever. It's sort of put together like a reality show, like she is Kim Kardashian or something. ... It's all about her school life and family life. And so it sets up in the first episode that it's about her downfall.

If she's on the top of the world, does that mean she learned nothing from her visit to public school?
Yeah, she never learns anything, she's just all about herself. [Laughs] You kind of get the impression at the end of "Summer Heights High" that it's done nothing; she's still glad she is a private school girl.

Why is she the subject of your first solo show?
I really like her. It's hard, because [my characters] are all my favorites. I wanted to do a show about one character, and so it was more like she fit into that idea because she's been in two other shows, and I'd sort of already set up all of these things about her world. ... I like to write about all of them, but I was having a moment where I just wanted to write about her.

This time HBO is airing your show in the U.S.

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right after Australia.
It's really good that they're doing that because there is always a six-month delay, and these days it's one world with all the technology, so, yeah, it was always a disappointment that six months later American people got to see the show. Now it's only about three weeks after Australia. And they are giving it a great time slot on Sunday nights [at 10:30] and HBO is really excited about this one.

Does it also help reduce online piracy?
I think I'm supposed to care about that, but I just can't. When you make a show, you just want people to [experience it and love it]. ... I shouldn't be promoting pirating. [Laughs] I would probably be rich if pirating didn't exist, but, yeah, as long as people see it.

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Q&A

Write what you know

What was your own high school experience like?
[Laughs] Well, my school was actually a private school, so it was very much like Ja'mie's. And I think I always craved going to a public school. I kind of wanted that more "real" experience. So maybe I'm still trying to deal with that thing with the theme of the show. ... But I certainly went to school with a few Ja'mies. [She's] so racist and homophobic and really manipulative and nasty and selfish. But at the same time, she's really appealing and you can kind of imagine that she'd be popular. She's fun, she comes up with lots of cool ideas, she's pretty adventurous, she does brave things. And, yeah, I think back in the day I probably would have wanted to be friends with her — which is a strange thought.

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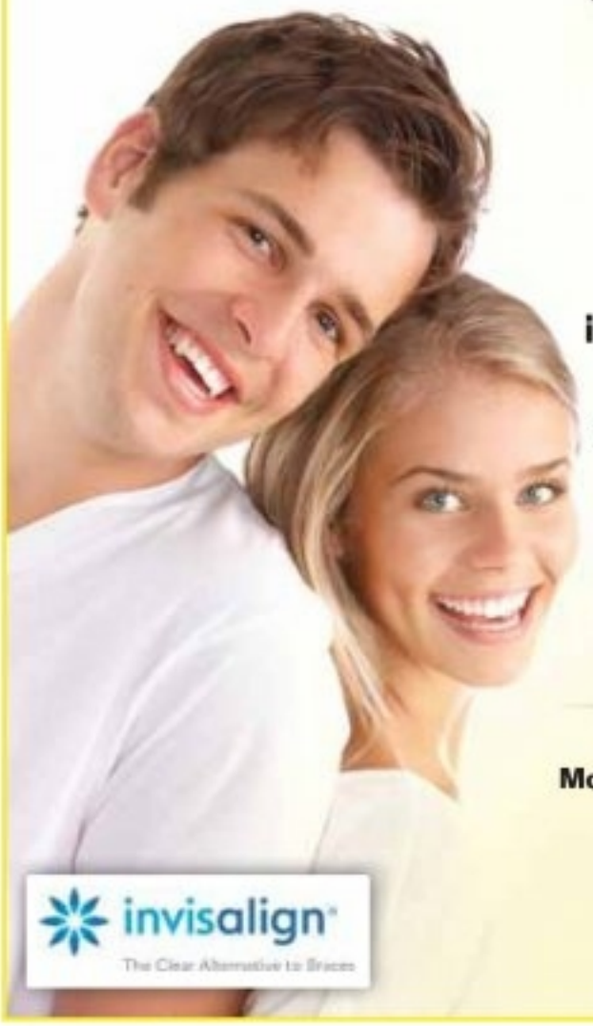

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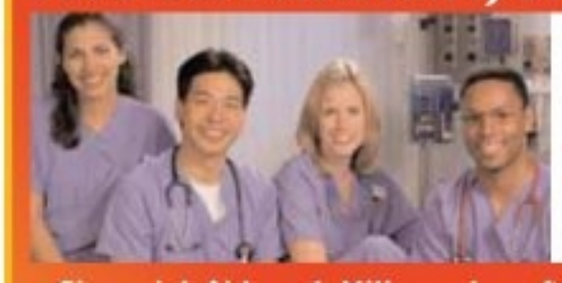

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KEEP THE PEACE AROUND THE DINNER TABLE ON THANKSGIVING

Hanging out with family can really make us nuts: We may revert to immature behavior, dig up old resentments and bottle up emotions until we lose it.

But these issues can actually be a good thing: They create an opportunity for change. This Thanksgiving, don't let your family dynamic get you down. Instead, follow these tips for keeping the peace.

No family is picture-perfect. / COMSTOCK IMAGES

Zen in the City

GABRIELLE BERNSTEIN

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Gabrielle Bernstein is the author of "Spirit Junkie."

Mirroring

Is there a family member that gets under your skin? The truth is, the feeling that person ignites in you is a reflection of the way you feel about yourself. Uncle Steve is not at fault. Rather, he is simply reflecting the way you feel about yourself. He is the mirror.

If you feel insecure about yourself, insecurity will be reflected back at you. If you don't believe in yourself, neither will anyone else. However, if you feel good about yourself, others will feel good about you.

Each time you experience a strong adverse reaction to someone, ask yourself: What is this person's behavior making me feel, and how is that related to the way I feel about myself?

Use the F-word

That word is forgiveness. Holding onto resentment harms you — resentment keeps you stuck in the past and negatively affects your state of mind. By choosing to forgive, you release negativity and clear space for happiness. If you're having trouble forgiving someone, examine the role you've played in the drama and take ownership of your behavior. This will help you release the other person.

But if something's totally uncalled for — like that nagging aunt who pesters you about getting married — recognize that when you carry the resentment, you make the situation worse. When you forgive someone, you're actually setting yourself free. By forgiving, you're putting yourself first.

Be patient

Mind the gap

In this case, minding the gap is all about breaking old patterns. Instead of flipping out when someone upsets you, stop and witness the feeling that comes up. Then hang out with that feeling for 90 seconds. Feeling instead of reacting creates a gap, which serves as a form of healing. Feeling your unfelt pain is actually a big release. From there, you can process your old issues — and then, they can dissolve and heal. Still want to scream after 90 seconds? Try focusing on something good about the person you're upset with. It can help you think your way into a more positive place.

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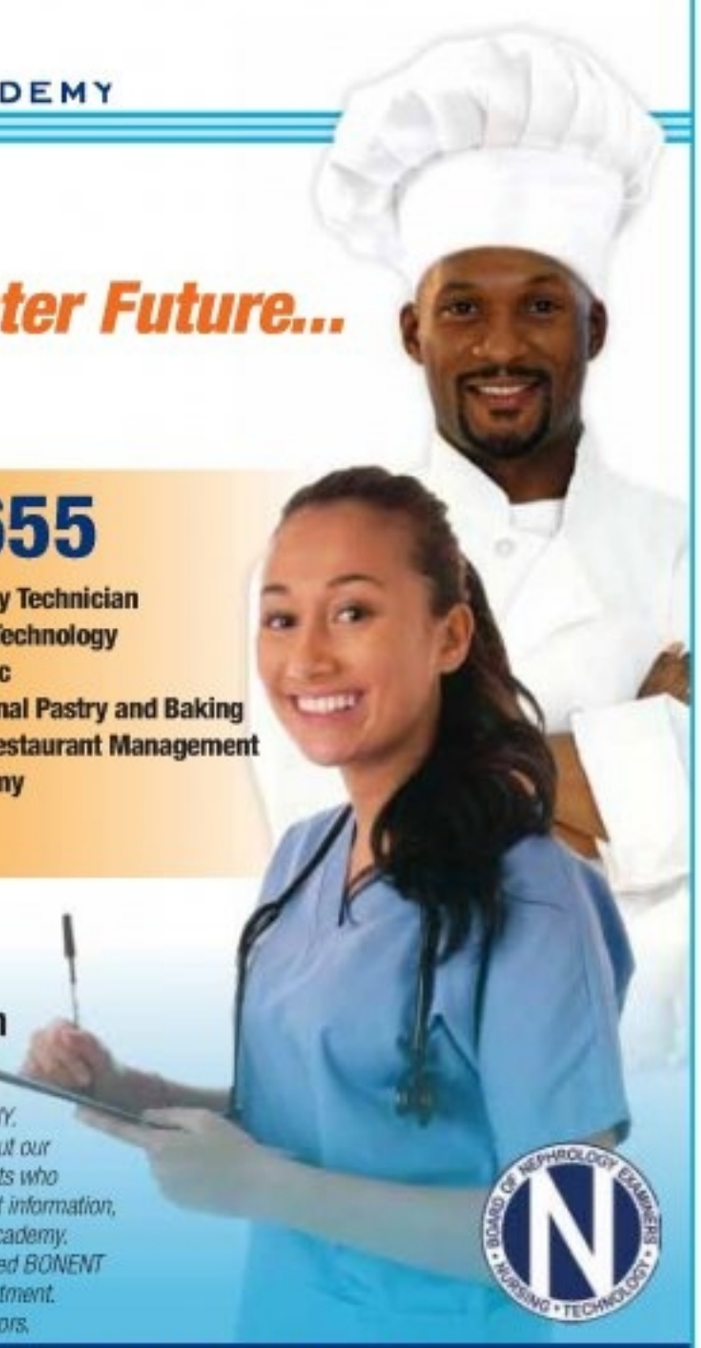

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Putting that college diploma to work

Hired. Getting a gig after graduation is possible. Know where to look.

Turning that graduation handshake into a job is possible. / GETTY IMAGES, MOODBOARD RF

Ever wonder about the staying power of majors? Ben Schmidt, an assistant professor of history at Northeastern University, compiled data on the trends of majors over the past several decades. While engineering holds steady, business and life sciences degrees have shot upward in popularity along with psychology. The humanities haven't fared as well — English, education and literature are on the decline.

Dr. Paul Harrington, director of the center for labor markets and policy at Drexel University, says although some areas like engineering and nursing are stronger than ever, even with less popular majors, students need to plan. "They need to refocus and direct. It doesn't mean not to major in English — it means to organize your extracurricular activities. If you're interested in writing, get on the student newspaper,"

When selecting a major, he suggests students ask themselves, "What do I like? What am I good at? Can I live the kind of life I'd like to enjoy if I go into this field?"

If they focus on the latter, several majors get the most bang for their buck: engineering, math, information technology, human resources, biology, economics, English and marketing, according to Salary.com.

Dr. Keith Sheppard, professor and associate dean of engineering and science at Stevens Institute of Technology, confirms the hot job prospects. "Graduates were able to get jobs even during the worst of the recent recession, and almost all of the graduating class of 2013 has found employment or is [entering] graduate education by the end of the summer," he says.

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"What do I like? What am I good at? Can I live the kind of life I'd like to enjoy if I go into this field?" Dr. Paul Harrington, on what grads should ask

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Downward. US colleges facing a negative credit trend

More than 40 percent of U.S. public universities and nonprofit colleges face lower or anemic tuition revenue growth and declining enrollment in fiscal year 2014, according to a survey released by Moody's Investors Service last week.

The rating agency says the negative credit trend is spreading in the higher education sector after cumulative years of depressed family income and net worth as well as dimmer job prospects for recent graduates.

"As this contagion spreads through higher education, tuition-dependent colleges and universities, both public and private, will be especially challenged to sustain competitive position and credit strength," Moody's says.

Regional public universities and small private colleges lacking a well-defined niche were most at risk, Moody's adds. REUTERS

College credit ratings aren't looking good. / GETTY IMAGES/VSTOCK RF

Racist attacks roil campus

Prejudice. Racist bullying leads to jail time in San Jose.

Students have protested the racist attacks against a student at the picturesque college. / PICASA

Three California university students accused of taunting their black roommate with racial slurs and references to slavery, once trying to clamp a bicycle lock on his neck, have been charged with hate crimes in an incident that has roiled the campus.

The three freshmen have also been suspended from San Jose State University, east of the tech hub of Silicon Valley, where student protests erupted after the accusations came to light.

Logan Beaschler and Colin Warren, both 18, and Joseph Bomgardner, 19, have been charged with misdemeanor hate crime and battery, Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney Erin West says.

Beaschler has surrendered to authorities and Warren and Bomgardner were expected to do so this week, according to West. Each could face a year in jail if convicted at the trial.

"When I look at all of this together, there's really no other conclusion but that it was motivated by hate," she says. "Its hard to imagine in 2013 that a young black man could go to college and be subjected to this kind of torment."

West says the alleged victim's parents became aware of the situation when they dropped him off at school and saw the Confederate flag, along with a racial slur written on a white board. The parents called San Jose State housing administrators, who contacted university police.

"I think the truth of it is he was scared," West says of the alleged victim, whose name has not been released by authorities. It was not immediately clear if the defendants had retained criminal defense lawyers. West says that, in interviews with police, they had described the incidents as pranks. REUTERS

Quoted

"I am outraged and saddened by these allegations. They are utterly inconsistent with our long-cherished history of tolerance, respect for diversity and personal civility."

Mohammad Qayoumi, San Jose State University president

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EDUCATION TOWARDS EMPLOYMENT

Staying healthy in the office petri dish

Sniffle. Learn how to manage germs and keep those colds away this season.

Going to work when you're sick is the easiest way to spread your cold. / FUSE

EMPLOYEES MUST WASH HANDS

You can hear it in the chorus of "achoos" coming from the cubicle next door: The fall colds are in full Kleenex-piled swing. Heading into the travel mayhem, cocktail parties and meals around the table mean germs are riding coach — and following you back to the office.

Not having decomposing food next to your keyboard is a pretty low bar to set, so we asked Kelly Arehart, who manages the Healthy Workplace Project at Kimberly-Clark analyzing and advising offices all over the world, how to keep germs at bay.

Arehart likes to start with the basics: No matter how much you play the blame game with friends and family, "cold and flu are not discriminatory," she says. "Anybody can pick it up throughout their day." Getting sick is as simple as touching an elevator button or a door handle — things you have to do, you know, to enter your office — so the key is to make sure you have a system in place. Arehart suggests making handwashing part of the arrival routine, before you even get to your desk.

And speaking of that petri dish of bacteria you like to call a desk — according to Arehart, desks are a commonly overlooked hotbed for germs. "[People] understand they should wash hands, but they miss that surfaces are a risk, a hot spot," she says.

Colds and flu spread easily in offices, subway cars and classrooms because people are sharing space. Part of sharing that space is knowing when you would do better to take the day off and stay home, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines (and Arehart) advise. In a recent survey conducted by Kimberly-Clark, they found that 59 percent of people went to work sick, and 30 percent felt they could not miss work.

Overall, one of the easiest ways to fight the sniffles — especially with the travel slog of the holidays — is to keep your grimy hands away from your face. Getting sick can start with that one little eye rub, so do as your teachers taught you and keep your hands (and your colds) to yourself.

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Pass the soap

Tips for staying healthy at work during the holidays:

- Wash your hands. (On this point, Arehart, the CDC and your mom are a broken record.)
- Keep some surface wipes and hand sanitizer handy and wipe down your work space as well as your hands to stay germ-free.
- If you feel sick, do your co-workers a favor and stay home. No need to be one of the three in 10 people who think they're vital. Not spreading colds is more important.
- Try to keep your hands away from your face.
- When in doubt, wash your hands (see: broken record).

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Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Avoid conflicts. Put more effort into family matters. A change of heart will be based on secret information.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Set your goals high and be persistent in your pursuits. Don't let anyone guilt you into lending or making a donation.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Play by the rules and stick to a budget or plan if you don't want to be subjected to discord or end up in a compromising position. Listen carefully.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. False information will surface and must be sorted out quickly before someone gets the wrong impression.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Double-check what you are getting for your money before making an impulsive purchase. Minor ailments will be due to stress.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Don't sit still waiting for someone else. Take control of a situation you face, and you will make interesting discoveries that result in personal benefits.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Nurture an important relationship. Listen to what's said. Emotional misrepresentation will not solve a personal dilemma.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Don't feel pressured because someone wants to make an unexpected change. Continue along a safe route. Romance will improve your evening.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Expect demands, but don't let anything stop you from taking part in or attending something you've been planning.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. A serious look at something from your past will bring you up to speed. A romantic evening should be planned.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Helping others will make you feel good as long as you don't overdo it. Complete the jobs that pay.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Expand your interests. The people you interact with now will give you plenty in return. Focus on making your surroundings more conducive to your desires. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

A reversal of roles

Re: 'If Kennedy lived? Experts discuss the person he'd be today' (Metro, Nov. 22-24) Kieron Monks' article claims that Southern Republicans were blocking JFK's civil rights agenda in the early 1960s. Doesn't Mr. Monks know that the roadblocks were created by Southern Democrats, who wrote the Southern Manifesto in the 1950s and that there were basically no Republicans in the South in the 1960s — at least holding office? The odious Bull Connor, police chief of Birmingham, Ala., was not only a Democrat, but a state committeeman for the party.
DEAN VIGLIANO, VIA EMAIL

I would like to thank Metro for answering one of my biggest questions of all time: What JFK might have done if he had not met his end? Ever since I started learning about him, he was one of few presidents that I developed a sense of respect for. He was loved by his people, and I believe that he would have done some great things.
JOHN DZIEDZIC, VIA EMAIL

Looking for love

Re: 'Let your geek flag fly' (Metro, Nov. 21) I read your article on Eric Smith's book on advice to nerds in the dating world, but I still found myself at crossroads. It seems like there is never EVER enough inspirational words on LGBT nerds in the predominately heterosexual dating world. Nothing against your article or Smith's book, but dating in the LGBT community is not quite the same. Add much more frustration if you're a nerd who doesn't do bars, clubs or gyms. What advice would you offer to us queer, wallflower dweebs who are looking for love?
ADRIAN TORRES SAN MARTIN, VIA EMAIL

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Crossword

Across

1 "The — the limit!"
5 Ebenezer's oath
8 Sulk angrily
12 Tows
14 Porter of song
15 Wild goat
16 Alan of "Catch-22"
17 Town east of Wichita
18 Ginger ale
19 Fuel suppliers (2 wds.)
21 Loose end
23 Bogus Bach
24 Step on the gas
25 Trim a doily
26 Comprehends
30 Gave a hand to
32 Sluggo's girlfriend
33 Like paramecia
37 Diva's rendition
38 Luster
39 Viking name
40 Worth it (hyph.)
42 Barrel slat
43 Implore
44 Ordered around
45 Ms. Hagen
48 — Lingus
49 Press for payment
50 Crafty
52 Kate and William's government
57 Mythical archer
58 Frankenstein's gofer
60 Skiing mecca
61 Easy win
62 Friable soil
63 Rocket stage
64 Ugly duckling
65 Not hither
66 Pitcher in a basin

Down

1 Thick carpet
2 Supergirl's real name
3 Loud laughs
4 Not chubby
5 Hecklers' calls
6 Completely
7 Went to bed (2 wds.)
8 Clenched hand
9 WWII sea menace (hyph.)
10 News services
11 Put on a pedestal
13 "Make it —!"
14 Fifi's five
20 What bartenders check
22 Days before
24 Hold, as attention
26 Demolish a slipper
27 Unusual
28 Indigo dye
29 Sell hot tickets
30 A means to — —
31 Counts calories
33 "Do — — a Waltz?"
34 Halters
35 Still in play
36 Just scraped by
38 Fast
41 Burger side
42 Piano piece
44 Chignon
45 Net surfers
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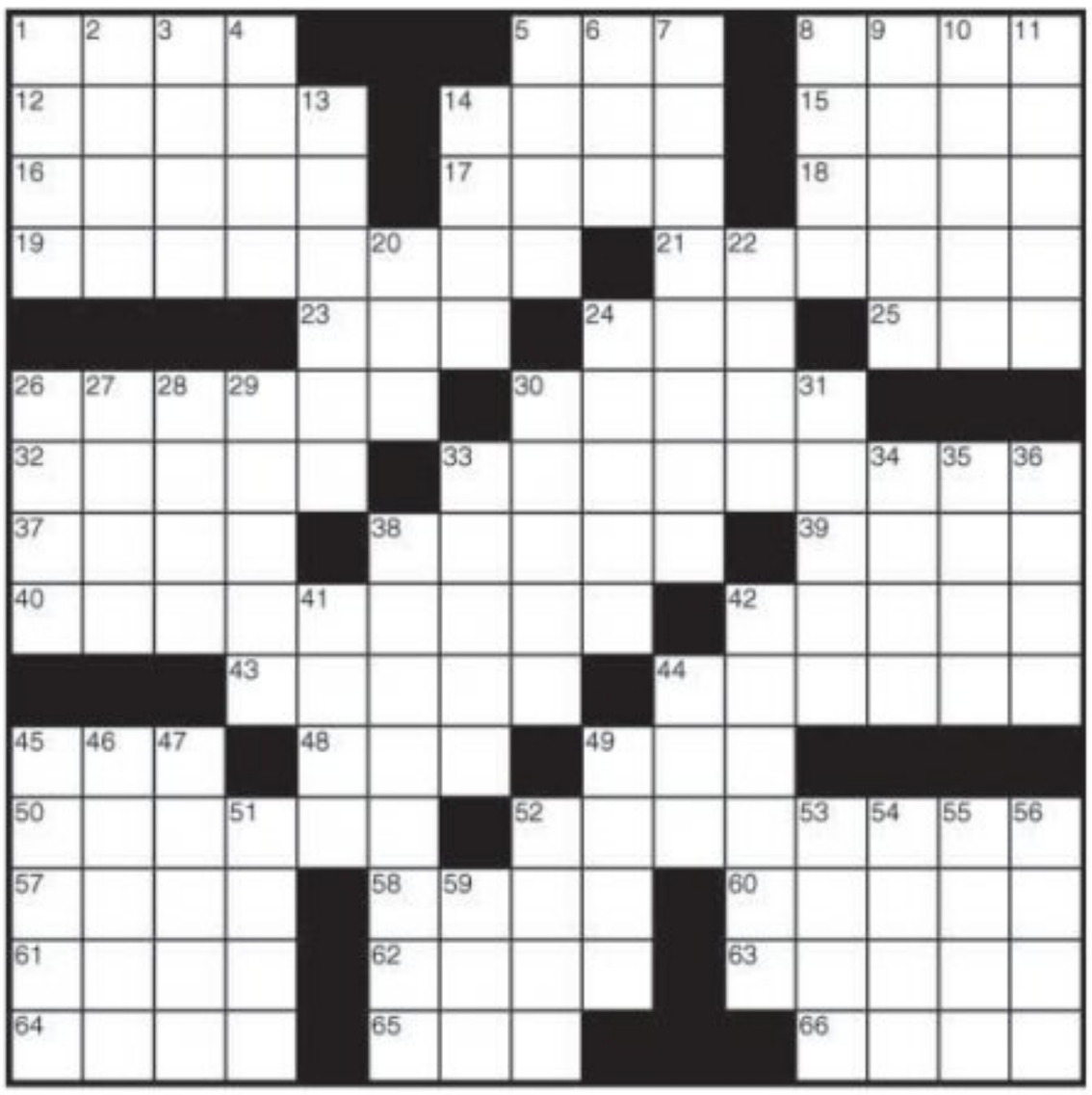

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Grading the Eagles: Kelly, Foles get high marks so far

NFL. We break down some key positions at the Eagles' bye week.

Technically the NFL season is at about the two-thirds mark, but the bye week always gives teams a chance to assess where they are as they make a final run for the playoffs.

It also gives Metro a chance to assess the Eagles at the just-past-halfway point. Here are our grades for the season so far:

Quarterbacks
All three QBs on the roster have gotten a chance to play some meaningful snaps in a game this season. That's not usually a good sign. But the shakedown seems to have churned out the best option: Nick Foles.

The perfect fit for head coach Chip Kelly's spread-option offense was supposed to be Mike Vick. Instead, as usual, Vick has been an injury-riddled disappointment. Foles, on the other hand, has 16 touchdowns, zero interceptions and is second only to Peyton Manning with a 78.2 QBR.
Grade: A-

Nick Foles has had no problem running Chip Kelly's spread offense despite his supposed lack of athleticism. / GETTY IMAGES

Coach of the Year?

Maybe the most important person for the Eagles this season is on the sideline.

- **Head coach**
  First-year coach Chip Kelly has a team with a collection of odds and ends that finished 4-12 last season at 6-5 and first in the NFC East. He is doing great, especially with imperfect pieces for his offensive scheme.
  Grade: A

KELLY'S OFFENSE HASN'T BEEN REVOLUTIONARY, BUT IT'S BEEN GOOD ENOUGH. GETTY IMAGES

Running backs
Forget Bryce Brown being a disappointment, LeSean McCoy has been revelatory in Kelly's offense. He led the NFL with 1,009 rushing yards entering Sunday.
Grade: A

Wide receivers
When Jeremy Maclin went down, there were big-time question marks about this receiving corps. They still don't have a third option, but DeSean Jackson has stayed healthy and happy with 985 yards and seven touchdowns. Riley Cooper turned an ugly preseason off the field into a good showing on the field. He has seven scores as well.
Grade: B

Defensive line
The problems for the Eagles lie mostly on the defensive side and the line is no exception. They rank No. 21 in sacks and get very little pass rush from Trent Cole (three sacks) or Connor Barwin (four sacks). Even worse, they allow 150.6 rushing yards per game, second-to-last in the NFL, so there's no inside push either.
Grade: D

Secondary
They allow 261.7 yards per game — No. 25 in the NFL — but the loss of Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie hasn't been as painful as some might have expected. If Cary Williams and Bradley Fletcher had been healthy all season, they'd be better off. Brandon Boykin has shown signs of being a solid player going forward.
Grade: C

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3 SPORTS

Rose injured again

Rose to undergo surgery

Derrick Rose will undergo surgery on the torn meniscus in his right knee Monday, the team said. Head coach Tom Thibodeau said he did not want to comment on a return this season until after the surgery. Rose tore his left ACL in the playoffs in 2012.

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Ruiz returns excited as ever

MLB. The Phillies chose to bring back their veteran catcher, and he's happy to be back.

One of the reasons Amaro cited for bringing back Ruiz was his work with the pitching staff, including Cliff Lee. / GETTY IMAGES

The last time Carlos Ruiz looked so thrilled at Citizens Bank Park was when he raced toward Brad Lidge after he struck out Erik Hinske on a cold October night in 2008 when the Phillies won their second World Series title in 125 years.

Ruiz was all smiles again on a chilly November evening as he met the press confirming a three-year, $26 million contract.

"I'm very happy to be back," Ruiz said.

There was some uncertainty whether Ruiz would return since he opted to test free agency. Much like his longtime teammate Jimmy Rollins after the 2011 season, Ruiz expressed his desire to stay with the only team he's ever known.

"I hope to come back," Ruiz said in September. "I love it here."

Ruiz wisely tested the market and found a number of interested teams, who were more than willing to spend some bucks and years on an aging Ruiz, since there are few quality catchers on the market.

Ruiz, 35, fielded offers from the Boston Red Sox and Colorado Rockies. But he gave the Phillies the right of first refusal. General manager Ruben Amaro Jr. was more than happy to keep Ruiz, who the pitching staff knows and loves, back in the fold.

"This is a commitment that will be scrutinized," Amaro said. "But I know that Chooch knows what it takes to bring a championship to this city."

Can a team which won just 73 games, it's lowest total since 2000, with an aging core of oft-injured players, such as Ryan Howard and Chase Utley, compete for a title?

"I think we can win," Amaro said. "What we're about is getting the right people and pieces. We have faith that Howard and [Ben] Revere [who broke his foot in July] are going to come back and be effective."

That remains to be seen. If the Phillies are going to challenge the Braves and Nationals for the NL East crown, it appears they need more firepower than they presently possess. Amaro claims another bat could be added.

"It is possible," Amaro said. "We've had a lot of dialogue with a lot of clubs. We've kept our minds and eyes open as far as our lineup is concerned."

If the Phillies don't add additional offense, much will be expected of new addition Marlon Byrd, who is 36, Utley, 35, and Howard, 34.

"I think [Yankees general manager] Brian Cashman said, 'I don't care about age as long as they're good,'" Amaro said.

The Yankees' core in 2009, when they beat the Phillies for the World Series title, was about the same collective age as the current Philadelphia squad. However, history indicates the Yankees team of 2009 was the anomaly.

Ruiz played well against the Yankees in that series and hopes to pick it up next season.

"Last year was a rough year but that 's over and I'm back working hard like always to come back next year and do better."

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Spot starter

The Phillies' scouts haven't come up with much lately but they unearthed a jewel in Ruiz, who signed out of Panama for just $8,000 in 1998. Ruiz was inked as a second baseman.

- "It's hard to believe but that was so long ago," Ruiz said. "I ended up in the right position."
- Ruiz has never started a game at a position other than catcher in the majors, though he did twice come in to play third base. He actually played four games in the outfield in the minors before coming up.

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Peralta signs four-year deal with Cardinals

MLB. ESPN is reporting that the recently suspended shortstop got a $52 million deal from the NL champions.

Sometimes it pays to cheat — literally.

Shortstop Jhonny Peralta, coming off a 50-game suspension for performance-enhancing drugs, has reportedly signed a four-year, $52 million deal with the St. Louis Cardinals, according to ESPN.

The World Series runners up had played light-hitting Pete Kozma at shortstop much of the season.

Peralta has lots of postseason experience. / GETTY IMAGES

Peralta is unquestioningly a better hitter than Kozma, but was caught up in the same Biogenesis scandal currently dogging Alex Rodriguez. He accepted a 50-game suspension, though he returned to play in the postseason for the Tigers.

Peralta finished with a .303 batting average, .358 on-base percentage, 11 home runs and 30 doubles in 107 games. He hit over 20 home runs in a season four times and has twice been an All Star, including last season.

The Cardinals also traded utility infielder David Freese on Friday.

Peralta did not receive a qualifying offer from Detroit at the end of the season.

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McCann to Yanks

Reports: McCann signs with Yankees

The Yankees may have finally found a permanent replacement for Jorge Posada behind the plate.

CBS Sports' Jon Heyman reported late Saturday the Yankees have agreed to a five-year, $85 million deal with Brian McCann. Heyman reports the deal also includes a full no-trade clause and sixth-year mutual option at $15 million.

McCann, who spent the first nine years of his career with the Braves, was the top free agent catcher on the free agent market this offseason. He is a seven-time All Star and five-time Silver Slugger Award winner as the best hitting catcher. He batted .256 with a .338 on-base percentage and 20 home runs last season.

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Cowboys best Giants, Chiefs fall

NFL roundup.
Dallas is now tied with the Eagles for first in the NFC East.

Cowboys 24, Giants 21
Tony Romo and the Cowboys finally came through in the fourth quarter, holding off a furious Giants comeback in the second half to move to 6-5 on the season. The Giants' win streak was snapped as they dropped to 4-7. Romo's 13-yard pass to Cole Beasley on third-and-10 allowed Dan Bailey to finish off New York with a 35-yard field goal as time expired. Dallas led, 21-6, midway through the third quarter but New York rallied to tie the game at 21 late in the fourth.

Steelers 27, Browns 11
In the early portion of the 2013 season, it looked as though the AFC North was in store for a major shake-up. But as Thanksgiving nears, the 5-6 Steelers are in the playoff picture in the AFC and the 4-7 Browns look as though they'll be sitting out January football once again. Ben Roethlisberger tossed a pair of TD passes in the Pittsburgh win. Browns QB Jason Campbell left the game with a concussion.

Vikings 26, Packers 26
The Vikings and Packers made history Sunday but neither team left Lambeau Field with a full grin as the two teams completed the first tie under the NFL's new overtime rules, which were instituted last season. Vikings wide receiver Greg Jennings, playing his first game in Green Bay since fleeing to Minnesota, dropped a key pass on third down with just over two minutes to go in the extra session.

Around the league

Other scores from across the NFL yesterday:

- Jaguars 13, Texans 6
- Bucs 24, Lions 21
- Titans 23, Raiders 19
- Cardinals 40, Colts 11

Chargers 41, Chiefs 38
The Chiefs have dropped back-to-back games after starting the season 9-0 and the 5-6 Chargers are now firmly in the AFC's playoff picture with five weeks to go. Philip Rivers threw for 392 yards and three touchdowns, including a game-winning 26-yard TD strike to Seyi Ajirotutu with 24 seconds left. Kansas City's defense was roughed up in the game physically as Tamba Hali and Justin Houston both left the game with injuries.

Rams 42, Bears 21
The Rams opened Sunday's game with 21 points in the first quarter and closed it in the fourth with 15 points. Though St. Louis scored just six points total in between, it was enough to beat Chicago and move to 5-6 on the season. The Bears fell to 6-5. Tavon Austin's 65-yard touchdown run sparked the Rams in their big first quarter. Josh McCown threw for 352 yards and two touchdowns with an interception.

Dez Bryant and the Cowboys toppled the Giants Sunday. / GETTY IMAGES

Panthers 20, Dolphins 16
Cam Newton continued with his late-game magic Sunday, finding Greg Olsen in the back of the end zone for a 1-yard touchdown pass with 43 seconds left to lift the Panthers to 8-3. The Dolphins, who led 16-6 at halftime, were shutout in the second half by the Carolina defense. The Panthers' game-winning drive almost didn't happen as, with 4:13 remaining, they decided to go for it on fourth down from their own 20-yard line. Newton found Steve Smith for 19 yards and Carolina was back in business.

Ravens 19, Jets 3
The Ravens' defense forced three turnovers, picking off Geno Smith twice, and received a huge game from Jacoby Jones to shutdown the reeling Jets. Both teams are now 5-6 on the season. Jones caught four passes from Joe Flacco (273 yards, one touchdown, one interception) for 103 yards. One of the connections was a 66-yard TD strike, which more-or-less put the game away for Baltimore in the third quarter.

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